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BRIG RIKHYE'S HAVANA MISSION

BRIG RIKHYE REPORTED THAT DESPITE 24-HOUR DELAY, HIS MISSION TO HAVANA BRING COFFIN MAJ RUDOLPH ANDERSON JR TO US WAS CARRIED OUT WITHOUT UNDUE DIFFICULTY. CEREMONY AT RANCHO BOYEROS AIRPORT HAVANA WAS SIGNIFIED WITH MINIMUM PROPAGANDA OVERTONES. ONLY RANKING CUBANS AT CEREMONY WERE PROTOCOL CHIEF ANTONION CARRILLO CARRERAS AND HIS DEPUTY. RIKHYE TELLS US THEIR CONVERSATIONS RELATED ENTIRELY TO ANDERSON MATTER AND NO OTHER SUBJECT RAISED.

CHARTERED PANAM FLIGHT DELAYED 30 MINUTES ON RETURN JOURNEY AS FORMAL PROTOCOL DRAFTED BY CUBANS COVERING TRANSPORT REMAINS ANDERSON AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS NOT YET COMPLETED. DOCUMENT SENT OUT FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY BY SPECIAL CAR. RIKHYE SHOWED US HIS COPY OF PROTOCOL SUBSCRIBED BY CARRERAS OF CUBA AND SWISS AMB EMIL STADELHOFFER. ALL SECTIONS NON-CONTROVERSIAL WITH EXCEPTION FOLLOWING PASSAGE ROUGHLY TRANSLATED BY MISSION OFFICER FROM SPANISH: MAJ. ANDERSON KILLED WHILE VIOLATING THE AIR SPACE IN A U-2 TYPE AIRCRAFT IN AN ILLEGAL VIOLATION OF CUBAN SOVEREIGNTY.

ALSO TURNED OVER TO RIKHYE FOR TRANSPORT US WERE ANDERSON'S PRIVATE POSSESSIONS INCLUDING FOUR FAMILY PHOTOS, TWO CHECKS (NR. 232, 233) DRAWN ON RIO NATIONAL BANK AND FIVE \$1 BILLS AND ONE \$5 BILL AND ONE \$10 BILL. WE PRESUME FULL COPY PROTOCOL WILL BE FORWARDED DEPT THROUGH SWISS CHANNELS.

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RIKHYE DID ASK TO SPEAK TO CUBAN DOCTOR PRESENT WHO ACCOMPANIED COFFIN TO AIRPORT. DOCTOR INDICATED THAT AIRMAN WAS KILLED INSTANTLY FROM HEAD WOUNDS WHICH OCCURRED WHEN AIRCRAFT EXPLODED IN AIR. DOCTOR THEN CLAIMED AIRCRAFT CRASHED AND ANDERSON BODY BADLY MUTILATED.

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